

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 877
By Finney

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Paige Lawson, 2006 Co-Valedictorian of Sevier County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Paige Lawson is one such exceptional student who was recently named Co-Valedictorian of the 2006 graduating class at Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Paige Lawson has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Lawson has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while serving as a valued member of several scholastic organizations, including Interact Service Club, Ski Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions, National Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Spanish Club, Art Club, Kiwanis Key Club, Smoky Mountain Youth Leadership, and the National Honor Society, and she has also served as Chapter Secretary/Treasurer and President of Distributive Education Clubs of America; and

WHEREAS, a four-year honor roll student, Paige Lawson is an avid sports enthusiast, and she was a member of her school's varsity football and basketball cheerleading squad, serving as Captain during her senior year, and she is also a cheerleading instructor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lawson is a committed and talented dancer and dance instructor who has secured leading roles in numerous dance productions; she has been named a Universal Dance Association All Star Dancer and won the Triple Threat Dance Award from New York City Dance Alliance and dance scholarships from Dance Educators of America; she has also won

numerous First Place Awards in regional and national dance competitions and served as Veteran's Day Dance Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Ms. Lawson is Sevier County's Junior Miss, the Tennessee Junior Miss Talent Award Winner, the Tennessee Junior Miss Overall Fitness Winner, and Sevier County Teen Fairest of the Fair; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Paige Lawson is listed on the National Honor Roll and has been named a Knoxville News Sentinel Academic Achiever, and she is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars; she was named an All-American Scholar and was selected for inclusion in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; Ms. Lawson has also been recognized with academic awards in U.S. Government, U.S. History, Trigonometry, and Healthcare Management; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary student, Ms. Lawson attended the Governor's School for the Arts-Dancing Division, the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Award and Seminar, and received the Medical Therapeutics Award; and

WHEREAS, committed to community service, Paige Lawson has served as the Treasurer and Communications Director for the Sevierville Teen Board, and she has volunteered her time and talents to such worthwhile organizations as: the Boys and Girls Club of the Great Smoky Mountains, Fort Sanders Sevier Medical Center, Relay for Life Cancer Fund, Sevier County Jaycees, Camp Discovery, East Tennessee Children's Hospital, Smoky Mountain Children's Home, Sevier County Adult Literacy, Safespace Battered Women's Shelter, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, and Healthy Kids Teen Board; and

WHEREAS, Paige Lawson's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as a student at the University of Tennessee, where she has been awarded a UT Volunteer Scholarship and a Hope Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lawson's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Dwayne and Libby Lawson, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Paige Lawson's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2006 Sevier County High School Co-Valedictorian, Paige Lawson, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy and successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.